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Allocation of STR and State Matching Assistance Funds to the Counties #00-02

## COUNTY ENGINEERS/COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Attached is a list of the FY 00 Surface Transportation Program Rural (STR) allocations for the downstate 96 counties along with the allocation of State Matching Assistance Funds. An information sheet describing the State Matching Assistance and STR Fund distribution method is attached.

The total amount of FY 00 STR funds allocated to the counties is \$26,449,079 with \$23,590,116 to be distributed among the counties in Districts 2 through 9.

As a result of Governor Ryan's Illinois FIRST program, the State Matching Assistance program has been increased from \$3.0 million to \$4.0 million. The \$4.0 million State Matching Assistance is allotted by first prorating \$2.0 million to all counties that qualify and have a need for matching assistance. The remaining \$2.0 million is allotted to the counties beginning with the county with the highest shortfall percentage and proceeding down the list until the \$2.0 million is exhausted.

The formula for distribution is based roughly on a 65% federal and 35% local match. All other requirements of the State Match will remain unchanged. A more detailed explanation of the State Matching Assistance Program is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your district office.

Sincerely,

Darrell W. McMurray, P.E.

**Engineer of Local Roads and Streets** 

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## STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE

Each county in the state receives an STR allotment which may be used to fund up to 80% of eligible project costs. However, some counties do not have a sufficient tax base to generate the local funds needed for the match. The State Matching Assistance Fund was established to address this problem. The county must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive State Matching Assistance:

- 1. The county must be unable to realize sufficient matching funds under Section 5-603, Road and Bridge Laws, to fully utilize its STR allotment.
- 2. The county must be assessing at a minimum rate of .045 in an effort to generate local matching funds.

A maximum assistance amount for a county is established as the difference between the amount required to match the County's STR allotment, using a 65% federal/35% matching ratio, and the funds generated by the County's Federal-aid Match Tax. Although 80/20 matching is the normal maximum allowable for STR projects, it is believed that need based on a 65/35 matching ratio is more equitable since the counties have other Federal-aid programs (HBRRP, Safety & STU) in addition to STR requiring local matching.

The county is required to levy a Federal aid matching tax of at least .045 to be eligible for assistance. To receive the maximum amount, it is required to have a tax rate of .050. If the tax rate is .045, the allocation is 90% of the maximum. If the tax rate is between .045 and .050, the assistance is prorated.

The actual distribution of the \$4 million available to this program is first divided in half. The first \$2 million is divided among those counties having a shortfall matching the federal funds at 65/35 using their local tax funds. Each eligible county receives their proportionate share of the total matching shortfall. The remaining \$2 million is used to complete the shortfall starting with the county with the highest percentage shortfall and continuing until the funds are gone.

The amount of funds received by each county will vary from year to year. The variable amount of STR funds available each year and the local Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) as provided by the Department of Revenue have a direct correlation on the amount of funds to be disbursed based on shortfall. As an example, when the STR allotment increases, the poorer counties will have a greater need for additional match. Conversely, when the STR allotment decreases, the poorer counties will not have a need to match as much federal funding and therefore will require less state matching assistance funds.

State matching funds may be used for any federal-aid project.

<u>Lump-sum use:</u> If a county so desires, it may use its accumulated matching funds to defray any part or the entire non-federal portion of any local federal-aid project regardless of the Federal matching percentage. However, the State matching assistance must be committed as a lump-sum amount rather than a percentage of the project cost.

Anticipation: There can be no anticipation of State matching funds. In other word, no county can commit more State matching assistance funds to a project than it has available at the time of letting. However, existing agreements for active projects may be amended to increase the amount of State Matching Assistance when it becomes available.